

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re MF GLOBAL, LTD. SECURITIES  
LITIGATION

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Civil Action No. 1:08-cv-02233-VM

(ECF Case)

**DECLARATION OF EVAN J. SMITH IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION  
OF JOSE BETANCOURT TO BE APPOINTED LEAD PLAINTIFF  
AND FOR APPROVAL OF LEAD PLAINTIFF'S SELECTION OF  
LEAD COUNSEL AND LIAISON COUNSEL**

Evan J. Smith, declares under penalty of perjury this 9th day of May, 2008:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Brodsky & Smith, LLC, proposed Liaison Counsel for putative class member Jose Betancourt ("Betancourt").
2. I respectfully submit this declaration in support of the motion of Betancourt for the appointment of Lead Plaintiff and for approval of Lead Plaintiff's selection of Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel.
3. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of a sworn certification of putative class member Jose Betancourt pursuant to the requirements of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. 15 U.S.C. § 77z-1(a)(2).
4. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the notice to class members concerning the first-filed of the above-captioned actions that was published on March 10, 2008 on *Business Wire* advising the public of the pendency of a class action filed on behalf of shareholders of MF Global, Ltd. ("MF").
5. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and correct copy of a chart of Betancourt's transactions and approximate losses in MF's common stock.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the Order appointing a lead plaintiff in *Miller v. Lazard Ltd.*, No. 05-cv-05630 (S.D.N.Y. Sept.. 14, 2005).

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the firm biography for Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, the law firm seeking the Court's approval as Lead Counsel.

8. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of the firm biography for Brodsky & Smith, LLC, the law firm seeking the Court's approval as Liaison Counsel.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: May 9, 2008

/s/ Evan J. Smith, Esquire (ES3254)  
Evan J. Smith (ES3254)

# **EXHIBIT A**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jose Betancourt ("Plaintiff") declare, as to the claims asserted under the federal securities laws, that:

1. Plaintiff has reviewed the Complaint prepared by Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP.

2. Plaintiff did not purchase the security that is the subject of this action at the direction of Plaintiff's counsel or in order to participate in any private action.

3. Plaintiff is willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of the class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. I understand that this is not a claim form, and that my ability to share in any recovery as a member of the class is not dependent upon execution of this Plaintiff Certification.

4. Plaintiff's purchase and sale transaction(s) in the **MF Global Ltd. (NYSE: MF)** security that is the subject of this action during the Class Period are attached in Schedule A.

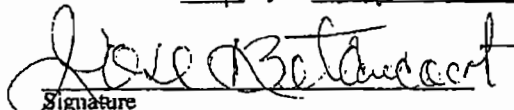
5. Plaintiff has complete authority to bring a suit to recover for investment losses on behalf of purchasers of the subject securities described herein (including plaintiff, any co-owners, any corporations or other entities, and/or any beneficial owners).

6. During the three years prior to the date of this Certification, Plaintiff has not sought to serve or served as a representative party for a class in an action filed under the federal securities laws except as described below: \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of the class beyond the Plaintiff's pro rata share of any recovery, except such reasonable costs and expenses (including lost wages) directly relating to the representation of the class as ordered or approved by the Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

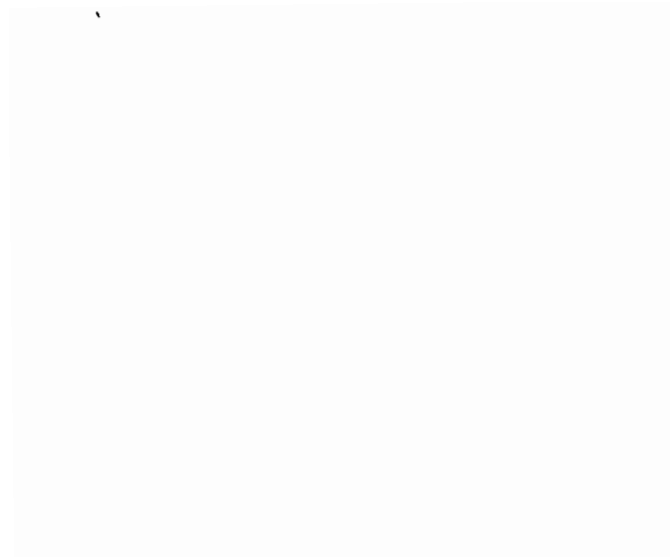
Executed this 24 day of APRIL, 2008

  
Signature

JOSE BETANCOURT  
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**Jose Betancourt****SCHEDULE A**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purchase or Sale</b>	<b>Type of Securities</b>	<b>Number of Securities</b>	<b>Price of Securities</b>
7/24/2007	Purchase	Com Stk	300	27.0000
7/24/2007	Purchase	Com Stk	300	26.8500
7/30/2007	Sale	Com Stk	100	23.5300
4/1/2008	Sale	Com Stk	100	10.7400
4/16/2008	Sale	Com Stk	200	10.7001



# **EXHIBIT B**



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## Weiss & Lurie Announces Class Action Suit Against MF Global, Ltd.

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The law firm of Weiss & Lurie announces that on March 6, 2008, it filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of purchasers of the common stock of MF Global, Ltd., ("MF" or the "Company") (NYSE:MF), in its Initial Public Offering on July 19, 2007 and on the open market through February, 28, 2008 (the "Class Period").


Other law firms, who do not represent MF clients and have not filed lawsuits, but have sought to piggyback on the work done and complaint filed by Weiss & Lurie, have published misleading notices to solicit clients. Those notices are published by lawyers in search of litigation. This notice is being disseminated pursuant to federal law in order to advise shareholders of the actual filing of the lawsuit and their rights in connection therewith.

The complaint asserts claims against defendants MF, Man Group Plc, Kevin R. Davis, Amy S. Butte, Alison J. Carnwath, Christopher J. Smith, Christopher Bates, Henri J. Steenkamp and Edward L. Goldberg for violations of Sections 11, 12(2) and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933. The complaint alleges that the Registration Statement and Prospectus issued in connection with the IPO were materially false and misleading. The action is pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York as civil action number 08-cv-2233 before the Honorable Victor Marrero.

Plaintiff is represented by the law firm of Weiss & Lurie, which possesses significant experience and expertise in prosecuting class actions on behalf of shareholders in federal and state courts throughout the United States. Weiss & Lurie has been collectively responsible for recovering more than a billion dollars on behalf of class members.

If you bought MF securities between July 19, 2007 and February 28, 2008, you may move the court no later than May 9, 2008, to serve as a lead plaintiff of the class. To serve as a lead plaintiff, you must meet certain legal requirements. A lead plaintiff is a representative party that acts on behalf of other class members in directing the litigation. To be appointed a lead plaintiff, the Court must determine that the class member's claim is typical of the claims of other class members, and that the class member will adequately represent the class. Under certain circumstances, one or more class members may together serve as a "lead plaintiff." Your ability to share in any recovery is not, however, affected by the decision whether or not to serve as a lead plaintiff. You may retain Weiss & Lurie or other counsel of your choice, to serve as your counsel in this action.

If you wish to receive an investor package or if you wish to discuss this action, have any questions concerning this notice or your rights or interests with respect to this matter, or if you have any information you wish to provide to us, please contact:

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Joseph H. Weiss, James E. Tullman, and/or Richard A. Acocelli, (888) 593-4771 or (212) 682-3025, via Internet electronic mail at [infony@weisslurie.com](mailto:infony@weisslurie.com) or by writing Weiss & Lurie, The French Building, 551 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, New York, New York 10176.

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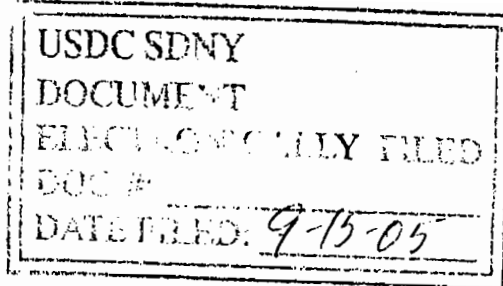


# **EXHIBIT C**



# EXHIBIT D

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



ARLETTE MILLER, Individually and On  
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LAZARD LTD., et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-CV-05630

CLASS ACTION

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ORDER APPOINTING LEAD  
PLAINTIFF AND APPROVING  
SELECTION OF COUNSEL

Having reviewed the pending motions seeking appointment of lead plaintiffs and approval of selection of counsel, and having heard from counsel on these motions at the conference before the Court on September 7, 2005, the Court Orders as follows:

1. The motions of the Katz Group, the Miller Group and Thomas Miller are hereby denied.

2. The motion of Diana B. Lien & Charles F. Lin and Edward Schonberg is hereby granted and Diana B. Lien & Charles F. Lin and Edward Schonberg are appointed Lead Plaintiffs for the Class pursuant to Section 21D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

3. The law firm of Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP is hereby appointed as Lead Counsel. The law firms of Schiffrin & Barroway, LLP and Zwerling, Schachter & Zwerling, LLP are hereby appointed as members of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee, which shall be chaired by Lead Counsel. Lead Counsel shall provide general supervision of the activities of plaintiffs' counsel, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, and shall have the following responsibilities and duties to perform or delegate as appropriate:

- (a) to brief and argue motions;
- (b) to initiate and conduct discovery, including, without limitation, coordination of discovery with defendants' counsel, the preparation of written interrogatories, requests for admissions, and requests for production of documents;
- (c) to direct and coordinate the examination of witnesses in depositions;
- (d) to act as spokesperson at pretrial conferences;
- (e) to call and chair meetings of plaintiffs' counsel as appropriate or necessary from time to time;
- (f) to initiate and conduct any settlement negotiations with counsel for defendants;

(g) to provide general coordination of the activities of plaintiffs' counsel and to delegate work responsibilities to selected counsel as may be required in such a manner as to lead to the orderly and efficient prosecution of this litigation and to avoid duplication or unproductive effort;


(h) to consult with and employ experts;

(i) to receive and review periodic time reports of all attorneys on behalf of plaintiffs, to determine if the time is being spent appropriately and for the benefit of plaintiffs, and to determine and distribute plaintiffs' attorneys' fees; and

(j) to perform such other duties as may be expressly authorized by this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 14 September 2005

  
THE HONORABLE VICTOR MARRERO  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

# **EXHIBIT E**

## FIRM PROFILE

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**S**chiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, specializes in representing shareholders and consumers in complex class action litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States. Since our inception, SBTk has recovered billions of dollars on behalf of defrauded shareholders and aggrieved consumers. The firm is led by its senior partners, Richard S. Schiffrin (founding partner, retired), Andrew L. Barroway, Marc A. Topaz, and David Kessler, with assistance from partners Stuart L. Berman, Katharine M. Ryan, Gregory M. Castaldo, Michael K. Yarnoff, Joseph H. Meltzer, Darren J. Check, Andrew L. Zivitz, Sean M. Handler, John A. Kehoe, Lee D. Rudy, Kay E. Sickles, Eric L. Zagar, Edward W. Ciolko and numerous experienced associates and staff.

Since its inception in 1987, SBTk has specialized exclusively in the prosecution of class actions, with unique expertise and skill litigating securities class actions. Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, SBTk has grown into one of the largest and most successful firms in the field. Recognized by courts and its clients for achieving exemplary results, SBTk, with its main office located in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is comprised of over 60 attorneys, a superior support staff and an in-house investigative team. With SBTk's extensive experience prosecuting securities fraud actions, derivative actions and transactional litigation against public companies and their officers and directors, SBTk has emerged as the leading firm in the campaign to eradicate the egregious practice of options backdating. Recognizing SBTk's experience and commitment to corporate governance reform, courts across the country have appointed SBTk as lead or co-lead counsel in more than 50 options backdating actions. SBTk's depth and breadth of its practice places it in a unique position to track, advise, prosecute and resolve complex securities actions.

In the course of representing various institutional investors from the United States, Canada, Europe, and around the world, including pension funds, mutual fund managers, investment advisors, insurance companies, and hedge funds, SBTk has recovered billions of dollars on behalf of its clients and the classes it represents. SBTk, with the guidance and assistance of its clients serving as lead plaintiff, is especially proud of its ability to create and structure resolutions with financially troubled companies and, when appropriate, to institute corporate governance reforms when serving as lead counsel in shareholder actions.



In addition, SBTk has recently opened an office in suburban San Francisco, California, and has added three California-based attorneys as “of counsel” to the firm, each of whom has significant class action and complex litigation experience. Demonstrating its commitment to the west coast expansion, several SBTk partners and associates have recently taken the California Bar and are awaiting their results.

## Noteworthy Achievements

During the firm’s successful history, SBTk has recovered billions of dollars for defrauded stockholders and consumers. The following are among the firm’s notable achievements:

### ***In re Tyco International, Ltd. Securities Litigation, No. 02-1335-B (D.N.H. 2002):***

SBTK, which served as co-lead counsel in this highly publicized securities fraud class action on behalf of a group of institutional investors, achieved a record \$3 billion settlement with Tyco. The largest securities class action settlement by a corporate defendant in history. The action asserted federal securities claims on behalf of all purchasers of Tyco securities between December 13, 1999 and June 7, 2002 against Tyco, certain former officers and directors of Tyco and the Company's auditor PricewaterhouseCoopers. Tyco is alleged to have overstated its income during the Class Period by \$5.8 billion. Defendants Kozlowski and Swartz have been sentenced to up to 25 years in prison after being convicted of grand larceny, falsification of business records and conspiracy for their roles in the alleged scheme to defraud investors. Defendant Walsh has also pled guilty to committing fraud.

In October 2004, the Court denied in large part the defendants' motions to dismiss and the parties began the discovery phase of the case. On June 12, 2006, Judge Barbadoro granted the Plaintiffs' motion for class certification for violations of sections 10(b), 20(a) and 20A of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), 78t(a) and 78t-1, and sections 11, 12(a)(2) and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 77k, 771(a)(2) and 77o. The Court held that the claims asserted satisfy Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)'s requirements for numerosity, commonality, typicality and adequacy, as well as Rule 23(b)'s requirements that common issues predominate over individual issues and that a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair resolution of the dispute.

The settlement, which represents the single largest payment from any corporate defendant in the history of securities class action litigation, requires Tyco pay \$2.975 billion in cash to settle securities and accounting fraud claims relating to the Kozlowski era, but specifically excludes auditor PriceWaterhouseCoopers ("PwC") and, by the time the settlement will be presented to the Court for final distribution, it will exceed \$3 billion in value, inclusive of interest.

As part of the settlement, Tyco has agreed to assign the claims it has against PwC related to the accounting fraud to the Class, which intends to vigorously pursue both its own claims and the assigned claims. As Tyco's auditor, PwC was in a unique position to uncover the fraud and to prevent the damages to Tyco's shareholders. Instead, PwC is alleged to have failed in its duties as a corporate watchdog. In addition, as Tyco already has its own claims being pursued against certain of the individual defendants, the Class has assigned its claims against Dennis Kozlowski, Frank Walsh and Mark Swartz to Tyco in exchange for receiving a 50% interest in any net recoveries achieved against these non-settling defendants.

### ***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation,***

***No. CV-02-8462-RSWL (Rx) (C.D. Cal. 2002):***

SBTK serves as co-lead counsel on behalf of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment against Tenet Healthcare Corp. and certain of its former officers and directors. Among other things, the Lead Plaintiff alleges that defendants made a series of materially false or misleading statements and omissions concerning Tenet's business model and financial health from January 11, 2000 through November 7, 2002. After defeating defendants' motions to dismiss and performing substantial document and deposition discovery, a partial settlement has been reached in the amount of \$216.5 million in cash which will be submitted for preliminary approval by the Court in the coming weeks. The Partial Settlement is being funded primarily by Tenet and its insurance carriers (\$215 million), with personal contributions in the aggregate amount of \$1.5 million being made by two of Tenet's former officers, Jeffrey Barbakow and Thomas Mackey. In addition to the substantial cash recovery, the prosecution of this action has played a prominent role in Tenet's initiation of sweeping corporate governance reforms which have led to Tenet being ranked by various institutional rating entities as among the best corporations in America for its corporate governance. The case will continue against KPMG as the Court denied KPMG's motion to dismiss the action in its entirety in December, 2005.

***In re AremisSoft Corp. Securities Litigation, C.A. No. 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J. 2002):***

SBTK is particularly proud of the results recently achieved in this case before the Honorable Joel A. Pisano. This case was exceedingly complicated, as it involved the embezzlement of hundreds of millions of dollars by former officers of the Company, who are now fugitives. In settling the action, SBTK, as sole Lead Counsel, assisted in reorganizing the Company as a new Company to allow for it to continue operations, while successfully separating out the securities fraud claims and the bankrupt Company's claims into a litigation trust. The Settlement, which was recently approved, calls for the class to receive the majority of the equity in the new Company, as well as their pro rata share of any amounts recovered by the litigation trust. The Court-appointed cotrustees, Joseph P. LaSala, Esq. and Fred S. Zeidman, have retained SBTK to continue prosecuting the actions on behalf of the litigation trust. In this capacity, we have filed an action in the Isle of Man, and have successfully frozen more than \$200 million of stolen funds from one of the fugitives, and are in the process of attempting to recover the money on behalf of the trust. In addition, we are continuing to litigate the trust's claims against the remaining fugitive.

***In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):***

SBTK served as sole Lead Counsel in this action on behalf of an institutional investor and recently received final approval of a settlement consisting of \$20 million in cash and 6,551,725 shares of IPG common stock with expected distribution by early summer 2005. As of February 2005, the stock had an approximate value of \$87 million, resulting in a total settlement value of approximately \$107 million. In granting its approval, the Court praised SBTK for acting responsibly and noted the firm's professionalism, competence and contribution to achieving such a favorable result.

***In re Digital Lightwave, Inc. Securities Litigation, Consolidated Case No. 98-152-CIV-T-24E (M.D. Fla. 1999):***

The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the nation's most successful securities class actions. After extensive litigation and negotiations, a settlement consisting primarily of stock ultimately grew to a value of over \$170 million between the time in which the settlement was negotiated and the time at which it was distributed. SBTK took on the primary role in negotiating the terms of the equity component, insisting that the class have the right to share in any upward

appreciation in the value of the stock after the settlement was reached. This recovery represented an astounding approximately two hundred percent (200%) of class members' losses. We believe that this represents the largest percentage recovery for shareholders in securities class action history.

***In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation,  
Master File No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002):***

SBTK holds a prominent position as an Executive Committee member in this action. Of the sixty plaintiffs firms which originally filed actions in these coordinated proceedings, SBTk was one of only six selected to serve on the Executive Committee. The coordinated actions, which have been filed against 309 separate issuers of publicly traded securities, challenge the legality of the practices which accompany the allocations of shares in initial public offerings. In addition to suing the issuers of such securities, the 309 coordinated actions also name as defendants the primary investment banking firms which underwrote the offerings. This case, which has received a great deal of national and international media attention, is widely considered the largest securities class action litigation in history. At the present time, the Court has preliminarily approved a \$1 billion settlement with the insurers and their officers and directors. The case is proceeding against the underwriting defendants.

***In re Global Crossing, Ltd. ERISA Litigation,  
No. 02 Civ. 7453 (S.D.N.Y. 2004):***

SBTK served as Co-Lead Counsel in this complex and high-profile action which alleged that certain directors and officers of Global Crossing, a former high-flier of the late 1990's tech stock boom, breached their fiduciary duties under the Employee retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to certain company-provided 401(k) plans and their participants. These breaches surrounded the plans' alleged imprudent investment in Global Crossing stock during a time when defendants knew, or should have known, that the company was facing imminent bankruptcy. A settlement of plaintiffs' claims restoring \$79 million to the Plans and their participants was approved in November 2004. At the time, this represented the largest recovery received in a company stock ERISA class action.

***In re Honeywell International ERISA Litigation,  
No. 03-1214 (DRD) (D.N.J. 2004):***

SBTK is serving as Lead Counsel in a breach of fiduciary duty case under ERISA against Honeywell International, Inc. and certain fiduciaries of Honeywell pension plans. The suit alleges that Honeywell and the individual fiduciary defendants, allowed Honeywell's 401(k) plans and their participants to imprudently invest significant assets in company stock, despite that defendants knew, or should have known, that Honeywell's stock was an imprudent investment due to undisclosed, wide-ranging problems stemming from a consummated merger with Allied Signal and a failed merger with General Electric. A settlement of plaintiffs' claims, which includes a \$14 million payment to the plans and their affected participants, and significant structural relief affording participants much greater leeway in diversifying their retirement savings portfolios, is currently pending court approval.

***In re Remeron Antitrust Litigation,  
No. 02-CV-2007 (D.N.J. 2004):***

SBTK is Co-Lead Counsel in an action challenging Organon, Inc.'s filing of certain patents and patent infringement lawsuits as an abuse of the Hatch-Waxman Act, and an effort to unlawfully extend their monopoly in the market for Remeron. Specifically, the lawsuit alleges that defendants violated state and federal antitrust laws in their efforts to keep competing products from entering the market, and seeks damages sustained by consumers and third-party payors.

After lengthy litigation, including numerous motions and over 50 depositions, the matter settled for \$36 million. The settlement is pending final approval by the court.

***Henry v. Sears, et al.,  
Case No. 98 C 4110 (N.D. Ill. 1999):***

The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for one of the largest consumer class actions in history, consisting of approximately 11 million Sears credit card holders whose interest rates were improperly increased in connection with the transfer of the credit card accounts to a national bank. SBTk successfully negotiated a settlement representing approximately 66% of all class members' damages, thereby providing a total benefit exceeding \$156 million. All \$156 million was distributed automatically to the Class members, without the filing of a single proof of claim form. In approving the settlement, the District Court stated: ". . . I am pleased to approve the settlement. I think it does the best that could be done under the circumstances on behalf of the class. . . . The litigation was complex in both liability and damages and required both professional skill and standing which class counsel demonstrated in abundance."

***Jordan v. State Farm Insurance Company,  
Case No. 97 CH 11 (Cir. Ct., McLean County, Ill. 1998):***

Plaintiffs alleged that State Farm had engaged in fraudulent sales practices known as "churning," and marketing and selling "vanishing premium" policies that do not actually "vanish." After several years of discovery, motion practice and settlement negotiations, SBTk, as Liaison Counsel, successfully resolved the action for \$225 million in cash, dividend enhancements and other monetary benefits for current and former State Farm policyholders.

***In re Liberate Technologies Securities Litigation,  
No. C-02-5017 (MJJ) (N.D. Cal. 2005):***

Plaintiffs alleged that Liberate engaged in fraudulent revenue recognition practices to artificially inflate the price of its stock, ultimately forcing it to restate its earnings. As sole Lead Counsel, SBTk successfully negotiated a \$13.8 million settlement, which represents almost 40% of the damages suffered by the class. In approving the settlement, the district court complimented Lead Counsel for its "extremely credible and competent job."

***In re InfoSpace, Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Master File No. C-01-0913-Z (D. Wash. 2001):***

SBTK served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that InfoSpace and certain of its officers and directors overstated revenues by using improper accounting methods, overstated the demand for InfoSpace's wireless services, misstated InfoSpace's financial relationships with major customers, and falsely represented that InfoSpace would receive subscription fees from users of web-enabled cell phones. After two years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, a settlement of \$34.3 million was obtained for members of the class.

***In re Riverstone Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Case No. CV-02-3581 (N.D. Cal. 2002):***

SBTK served as sole lead counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that Riverstone and certain of its officers and directors sought to create the impression that the Company, despite the industry-wide downturn in the telecom sector, had the ability to prosper and succeed and was actually prospering. In that regard, plaintiffs alleged that defendants issued a series of false and misleading statements concerning the Company's financial condition, sales and prospects, and used inside information to personally profit. After extensive litigation, the parties entered into

formal mediation with the Honorable Charles Legge (Ret.). Following five months of mediation, the parties reached a settlement of \$18.5 million which has been preliminarily approved by the Court.

***In re Assisted Living Concepts, Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Lead Case No. 99-167-AA (D. Or. 1999):***

SBTK served as Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a \$30 million recovery for class members from the Company, its executive officers and directors, and several underwriters for their role in an alleged complex accounting fraud involving the use of a purportedly independent joint venture to absorb the Company's start-up losses. Even after this \$30 million recovery, through counsel's efforts, an additional \$12.5 million was obtained from the auditors providing for a total recovery of \$42.5 million.

***Wanstrath v. Doctor R. Crants, et al.,  
No. 99-1719-111 (Tenn. Chan. Ct., 20th Judicial District, 1999):***

SBTK served as Lead Counsel in a derivative action filed against the officers and directors of Prison Realty Trust, Inc., challenging the transfer of assets from the Company to a private entity owned by several of the Company's top insiders. Numerous federal securities class actions were pending against the Company at this time. Through the derivative litigation, the Company's top management was ousted, the composition of the Board of Directors was significantly improved, and important corporate governance provisions were put in place to prevent future abuse. Mr. Schiffrin, in addition to achieving these desirable results, was able to personally effectuate a global settlement of all pending litigation against the backdrop of an almost certain bankruptcy. The case was resolved in conjunction with the federal securities cases for the payment of approximately \$50 million by the Company's insurers and the issuance of over 46 million shares to the class members.

***In re Cumulus Media Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Lead Case No. 00-C-391 E.D. Wis. 2000):***

SBTK served as Lead Counsel and successfully litigated the action and negotiated a settlement of \$13 million in cash and 240,000 shares of freely tradable stock in Cumulus Media, which traded for approximately \$19 per share, for a total settlement value of \$17.5 million at the time the settlement was approved by the Court.

## **PARTNERS**

**ANDREW L. BARROWAY**, co-managing partner of the firm, received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a member of the ABA Negotiation team. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Barroway frequently lectures on securities class action and lead plaintiff issues, and recently spoke at the 2005 Institutional Investor Hedge Fund Workshop in New York City and the Public Funds Summit 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Barroway has been actively involved in all aspects of litigation on behalf of the firm, and co-manages the firm's securities department. Of his numerous successful representations of shareholders, the following stand out as exceptional:



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The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the nation's most successful securities class actions. After extensive litigation and negotiations, a settlement consisting primarily of stock ultimately grew to a value of over \$170 million between the time in which the settlement was negotiated and the time at which it was distributed. Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler took on the primary role in negotiating the terms of the equity component, insisting that the class have the right to share in any upward appreciation in the value of the stock after the settlement was reached. This recovery represented an astounding approximately two hundred percent (200%) of class members' losses. Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler believes that this represents the largest percentage recovery for shareholders in securities class action history.

Mr. Barroway, along with his partner, Mr. Kessler, has also negotiated substantial settlements of securities class actions in which Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler was Lead or Co-Lead Counsel against Pinnacle Holdings, Cell Pathways, Gateway, Mercator and NetSolve. Mr. Barroway currently represents numerous public pension funds, private investment funds, money management firms, and individuals in securities fraud litigation as Lead or Co-Lead Counsel.

**MARC A. TOPAZ**, a senior partner of the firm, received his law degree from Temple University School of Law, where he was an editor of the Temple Law Review and a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. He also received his Master of Law (L.L.M.) in taxation from the New York University School of Law, where he served as an editor of the New York University Tax Law Review. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Topaz oversees the firm's derivative and transactional departments. Mr. Topaz has been heavily involved in the firm's cases related to the subprime mortgage crisis. The firm has initiated cases seeking recovery on behalf of shareholders in companies affected by the subprime crisis, as well as cases seeking recovery for 401K plan participants that have suffered losses in their retirement plans. Mr. Topaz has also been involved in the firm's option backdating litigation. These cases which are pled mainly as derivative claims or as securities law violations, have served as an important vehicle both for re-pricing erroneously issued options and providing for meaningful corporate governance changes. Mr. Topaz has been involved in many of the firm's prominent cases, including, *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, *Wanstrath v. Doctor R. Crants, et al.*, and *In re Oppenheimer Capital, L.P., Unitholders Litigation*.

**DAVID KESSLER**, co-managing partner of the firm, graduated with distinction from the Emory School of Law. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of

Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Kessler was a Certified Public Accountant in Pennsylvania. Mr. Kessler is also manages the firm's nationally recognized securities department. In addition, Mr. Kessler often lectures on securities litigation. Mr. Kessler has achieved the following outstanding results in federal securities cases:

***In re Tyco International, Ltd. Sec. Lit., No. 02-1335-B (D.N.H. 2002):***

SBTK, which served as Co-Lead Counsel in this highly publicized securities fraud class action on behalf of a group of institutional investors, achieved a record \$3.2 billion settlement with Tyco International, Ltd. ("Tyco") and their auditor PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP ("PwC"). The \$2.975 billion settlement with Tyco represents the single-largest securities class action recovery from a single corporate defendant in history. In addition, the \$225 million settlement with PwC represents the largest payment PwC has ever paid to resolve a securities class action and is the second-largest auditor settlement in securities class action history.

As presiding Judge Paul Barbadoro aptly stated in his Order approving the final settlement, "[i]t is difficult to overstate the complexity of [the litigation]." Judge Barbadoro noted the extraordinary effort required to pursue the litigation towards its successful conclusion, which included the review of more than 82.5 million pages of documents, more than 220 depositions and over 700 hundred discovery requests and responses. In addition to the complexity of the litigation, Judge Barbadoro also highlighted the great risk undertaken by Co-Lead Counsel in pursuit of the litigation, which he indicated was greater than in other multi-billion dollar securities cases and "put [Plaintiffs] at the cutting edge of a rapidly changing area of law."

In sum, the Tyco settlement is of historic proportions for the investors who suffered significant financial losses and it has sent a strong message to those who would try to engage in this type of misconduct in the future. Mr. Kessler played a primary role in shepherding this most complex of settlements through final approval by the Court.

***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation, No. CV-02-8462-RSWL (Rx) (C.D. Cal. 2002):***

SBTK serves as co-lead counsel on behalf of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment against Tenet Healthcare Corp. and certain of its former officers and directors. Among other things, the Lead Plaintiff alleges that defendants made a series of materially false or misleading statements and omissions concerning Tenet's business model and financial health from January 11, 2000 through November 7, 2002. After defeating defendants' motions to dismiss and performing substantial document and deposition discovery, a settlement was reached with Tenet and its insurance carriers (for \$215 million) and certain individuals (\$1.5 million) which was approved by the Court. In addition to the substantial cash recovery, the prosecution of this action has played a prominent role in Tenet's initiation of sweeping corporate governance reforms which have led to Tenet being ranked by various institutional rating entities as among the best corporations in America for its corporate governance. The case is continuing against KPMG as summary judgment motions were recently denied.

***In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation, Master File No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002):***

Mr. Kessler is presently heading up the firm's litigation efforts in its prominent position as an Executive Committee member in this action. Of the sixty plaintiffs firms which originally filed

actions in these coordinated proceedings, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler was one of only six selected to serve on the Executive Committee. The coordinated actions, which have been filed against 309 separate issuers of publicly traded securities, challenge the legality of the practices which accompany the allocations of shares in initial public offerings. In addition to suing the issuers of such securities, the 309 coordinated actions also name as defendants the primary investment banking firms which underwrote the offerings. This case, which has received a great deal of national and international media attention, is widely considered the largest securities class action litigation in history.

***In re PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. Litigation, Case No. 02-CV-271 (W.D. Pa. 2002):***

SBTK served as Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a \$30 million recovery for class members from PNC and the assignment of certain claims it may have had against its audit and other third party law firms and insurance companies, with respect to an alleged fraudulent scheme wherein non-performing assets were removed from PNC's books and transferred to special purpose entities that PNC allegedly still controlled. An additional \$6.6 million was recovered from the insurance company and the law firms and an agreement in principle has now been reached with the audit to resolve all claims for another \$9.075 million, providing for a total recovery from the securities litigation of \$45.675 million upon approval of the auditor settlement. When coupled with the \$156 million restitution fund established through government actions against some of the same defendants and third parties, the total recovery for class members exceeds \$200 million.

**JOSEPH MELTZER**, a partner of the firm, concentrates his practice in the areas of ERISA and antitrust complex litigation. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and is admitted to practice before numerous United States District Courts and United States Courts of Appeals, including the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Meltzer manages the firm's ERISA Litigation Department, which has excelled in the highly specialized area of prosecuting claims on behalf of retirement savings plans. Mr. Meltzer is lead counsel in several pending nationwide class actions brought under ERISA, including *Lewis v. El Paso Corp.* (S.D. Tex.); *In re Sears, Roebuck & Co. ERISA Litigation* (N.D. Ill.); *In re Loral Space ERISA Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.) and *In re Schering-Plough Corp. ERISA Litig.*, where the firm obtained an important ruling from the Third Circuit reversing the District Court's dismissal and confirming the rights of pension plan participants to pursue these claims. *See* 420 F.3d 231, *amended by* No. 04-CV-3073, 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 19826 (3d Cir., Sept. 15, 2005). He is a frequent lecturer on ERISA litigation and employee benefits issues, is a member of the ABA's Section Committee on Employee Benefits and has been recognized by numerous courts for his ability and expertise in this complex area of the law. Since helping to establish the ERISA Litigation Department, Mr. Meltzer has recovered well over \$250 million for retirement plan participants, including in the following prominent cases:

***In re AOL Time Warner ERISA Litig.***, C.A. No. 02-8853 (S.D.N.Y.): The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the most successful ERISA class actions. Following extensive litigation, including motions for summary judgment, Mr. Meltzer helped negotiate a settlement of \$100 million for a class of retirement plan participants. To date, this is the second largest settlement for a case of this type and the largest in a case involving a non-bankrupt company.

***In re Global Crossing Ltd. ERISA Litig.***, No. 02-7453 (S.D.N.Y.): The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the earliest ERISA class actions involving employer securities and seeking relief under ERISA sec. 502(a)(2). After extensive litigation and complex negotiations, the firm



helped secure a recovery of over \$78 million for retirees whose nest eggs were badly impacted by the collapse of Global Crossing.

Mr. Meltzer also manages the firm's Antitrust Department and serves as lead counsel in numerous nationwide antitrust actions where he represents such clients as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and the Sidney Hillman Health Center of Rochester. As lead counsel, he has helped obtain several multi-million dollar settlements, including settlements in *In re Remeron Antitrust Litigation*, 02-CV-2007 (D.N.J.) (\$36 million settlement) and *In re Augmentin Antitrust Litigation*, 02-442 (E.D. Va.) (\$29 million settlement). Mr. Meltzer also lectures on issues related to antitrust litigation and is a member of the ABA's Section Committee on Antitrust Law.

In addition to the ERISA Litigation and Antitrust Departments, Mr. Meltzer manages the firm's Consumer Fraud Department. An honors graduate of the University of Maryland, he received his law degree with honors from Temple University School of Law. Prior to joining Schiffrin & Barroway, Mr. Meltzer practiced at Barrack, Rodos & Bacine in Philadelphia, where he had prominent roles in prosecuting several complex class actions to successful conclusions and also defended clients in antitrust and commercial litigation.

**KATHARINE M. RYAN**, a partner of the firm, graduated *cum laude* from Villanova University School of Law in May 1984. Ms. Ryan is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Ryan recently participated as a speaker in a legal teleconference entitled "Is the PSLRA's Safe Harbor Provision Safe?" Ms. Ryan is actively involved in litigating several of the firm's most prominent cases and was integral in the excellent results achieved in the following cases:

***In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as sole Lead Counsel in this action on behalf of an institutional investor and recently received final approval of a settlement consisting of \$20 million in cash and 6,551,725 shares of IPG common stock. As of February 2005, the stock had an approximate value of \$87 million, resulting in a total settlement value of approximately \$107 million. In granting its approval, the Court praised Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler for acting responsibly and noted the firm's professionalism, competence and contribution to achieving such a favorable result.

***In re New Power Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 1550 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a recovery of \$41 million in cash for class members against a bankrupt company, certain of its officers and directors and the underwriters of the Company's offering. Claims involved New Power, an offshoot of Enron, that was formed to re-enter the deregulated energy market and pursued an IPO with no viable plan to hedge against volatile energy prices.

**STUART L. BERMAN**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from George Washington University National Law Center, and his undergraduate degree from Brandeis University. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Berman

manages the firm's lead plaintiff department and has been instrumental in courts appointing many of the firm's institutional and individual clients as lead plaintiffs in important cases, such as:

*In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation*, No. CV-02-8462- RSWL (C.D. Cal. 2002),

*State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al.*, No. 2:03-CV-02071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003),

*In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation*, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002), *State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al.*, No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003),

*In re Delphi Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 1:05-CV-2637 (NRB) (S.D.N.Y. 2005);

*In re Vaxgen Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. C 03-01129 JSW (N.D. Cal. 2003),

*In re American Business Financial Services, Inc.*, No. 04- 0265 (E.D. Pa. 2004)

*In re Autobytel, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. CV04-8987 MMM (JWJx) (C.D. Cal. 2004).

Mr. Berman represents and works with institutional investors worldwide in securities litigation and other related matters. In addition, Mr. Berman is a frequent speaker on securities issues, especially as they relate to institutional investors, and has been a speaker at such events as The European Pension Symposium in Florence, Italy; the Public Funds Symposium 2005 in Washington, D.C.; the Pennsylvania Public Employees Retirement (PAPERS) Summit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and the New England Pension Summit in Newport, Rhode Island; the Rights and Responsibilities for Institutional Investors 2006 in Amsterdam, Netherlands; and the European Investment Roundtable 2006 in Barcelona, Spain. He speaks with institutional investors located around the world regarding their rights and obligations associated with securities fraud class actions and individual actions. Mr. Berman works closely with the firm's institutional investors and counsels them on fulfilling their fiduciary obligations and exercising their rights in all types of securities related actions.

Mr. Berman has specialized in the area of securities litigation for the past nine years. He is particularly proud of the results achieved in *In re AremisSoft Corp. Sec. Litig.*, C.A. No. 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J. 2002), a case on which Mr. Berman and his partner, Richard Schiffrin, have worked extensively. This case was exceedingly complicated, as it involved the embezzlement of hundreds of millions of dollars by former officers of the Company, some of whom are now fugitives. In settling the action, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, as sole Lead Counsel, assisted in reorganizing AremisSoft as a new Company which allowed for it to continue operations, while successfully separating out the securities fraud claims and the bankrupt Company's claims into a litigation trust. The Settlement, which was approved by the Court, called for the class to receive the majority of the equity in the new Company, as well as their pro rata share of all amounts recovered by the litigation trust. The Court-appointed co-trustees, Joseph P. LaSala, Esq. and Fred S. Zeidman, retained Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler to continue prosecuting the actions on behalf of the litigation trust. After extensive litigation in the Isle of Man, including the successful freezing of more than \$200 million of stolen funds, the trust recently settled its action against one of the principal wrongdoers and recovered approximately

\$200 million. Thus far, the trust has distributed to beneficiaries of the trust more than 28% of their recognized losses (excluding the value of the equity of the new Company), and is poised to recover even more. Recently, the trust commenced further litigation in Cyprus, where it obtained a Mareva injunction and interim ancillary relief against bank accounts and assets owned and/or controlled by the other principal wrongdoer.

**GREGORY M. CASTALDO**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Loyola Law School, where he received the American Jurisprudence award in legal writing. He received his undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Castaldo has been actively involved in litigating the following cases:

***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp., 02-CV-8462 (C.D. Cal.):***

Schiffrein Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Tenet Healthcare and certain of its officers and directors defrauded Medicare out of hundreds of millions of dollars, materially overstated Tenet's revenues, and performed unnecessary cardiac surgeries to increase the Company's earnings. After three years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, Schiffrein Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement involving a \$216.5 million payment from Tenet and the Company's former CEO and COO, and specific corporate governance improvements.

***In re Liberate Technologies Securities Litigation, No. C-02-5017 (MJJ) (N.D. Cal. 2005):***

Plaintiffs alleged that Liberate engaged in fraudulent revenue recognition practices to artificially inflate the price of its stock, ultimately forcing it to restate its earnings. As sole Lead Counsel, Schiffrein Barroway Topaz & Kessler successfully negotiated a \$13.8 million settlement, which represents almost 40% of the damages suffered by the class. In approving the settlement, the district court complimented Lead Counsel for its "extremely credible and competent job."

***In re Sodexo Marriott Shareholders Litigation,***

Consol. C.A. No. 18640-NC, Delaware Chancery Court, in which Class Counsel was partially responsible for creating an aggregate financial benefit of approximately \$166 million for members of the class.

Mr. Castaldo is also presently *State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al.*, No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003) among other actions.

**MICHAEL K. YARNOFF**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Widener University School of Law. Mr. Yarnoff is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey. He serves in the firm's securities litigation department and has been actively involved in a number of federal securities cases in which outstanding results were achieved, including the following:

***In re CVS Corporation Securities Litigation, C.A. No. 01-11464 JLT (D.Mass.):***

After more than three years of contentious litigation and a series of protracted mediation sessions, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, serving as co-lead counsel, secured a \$110 million recovery for class members in the CVS Securities Litigation. Specifically, the suit alleged that CVS violated accounting practices by delaying discounts on merchandise in an effort to prop up its earnings. In addition, the suit charged that in 2001, the Company and its Chief Executive Officer, Thomas M. Ryan, improperly delayed announcement of its intention to close approximately 200 underperforming stores, and that an industry-wide pharmacist shortage would have a materially negative impact on the Company's performance. Settlement was reached just days prior to the commencement of trial, and shortly after the district court had denied the defendants' motions for summary judgment. This substantial recovery, which represents the third-largest settlement in a securities class action case in the First Circuit, received final approval from District Judge Joseph Tauro on September 27, 2004.

***In re InfoSpace, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. C-01-0913-Z (D. Wash. 2001):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that InfoSpace and certain of its officers and directors overstated revenues by using improper accounting methods, overstated the demand for InfoSpace's wireless services, misstated InfoSpace's financial relationships with major customers, and falsely represented that InfoSpace would receive subscription fees from users of web-enabled cell phones. After two years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, a settlement of \$34.3 million was obtained for members of the class.

***In re Riverstone Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation, Case No. CV-02-3581 (N.D. Cal. 2002):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that Riverstone and certain of its officers and directors sought to create the impression that the Company, despite the industry-wide downturn in the telecom sector, had the ability to prosper and succeed and was actually prospering. In that regard, plaintiffs alleged that defendants issued a series of false and misleading statements concerning the Company's financial condition, sales and prospects, and used inside information to personally profit. After extensive litigation, the parties entered into formal mediation with the Honorable Charles Legge (Ret.). Following five-months of mediation, the parties reached a settlement of \$18.5 million.

**DARREN J. CHECK**, a partner of the firm, concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation and institutional investor relations. He is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College where he received a degree in History, *with honors*. Mr. Check received his law degree from Temple University School of Law and is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Mr. Check began his career at Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler by working extensively with partner David Kessler on *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002), widely considered the largest securities class action in history.

Currently, Mr. Check concentrates his time as the firm's Director of Institutional Relations. He consults with institutional investors from around the world regarding their rights and responsibilities with respect to their investments and taking an active role in shareholder litigation. Mr. Check assists clients in evaluating what systems they have in place to identify and

monitor shareholder litigation that has an affect on their investments, and also assists them in evaluating the strength of such cases and to what extent they may be affected by the conduct that has been alleged. He currently works with clients in the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Germany, Austria, and the Netherlands. Mr. Check regularly speaks on the subjects of shareholder litigation, corporate governance, investor activism, and how Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler's services can be of use to investors. Recently, Mr. Check spoke at the MultiPensions 2005 Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands; the 2005 European Pension Symposium in Florence, Italy; the Public Funds Summit 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona; the European Investment Roundtable in Barcelona, Spain; The Rights & Responsibilities Of Institutional Investors: European and U.S. Approaches To Active Ownership in Amsterdam, Netherlands; the Corporate Governance & Responsible Investment Summit, Stockholm, Sweden; Pension Fund Investment World – Germany in Frankfurt, Germany; and the 2007 European Pension Symposium in Lisbon, Portugal.

**ANDREW L. ZIVITZ**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Duke University School of Law, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with distinction, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Zivitz practiced with the Philadelphia law firms of Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, LLP and Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP, where he litigated complex commercial and environmental matters.

Mr. Zivitz is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Zivitz concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation, and is Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in several of the largest class action securities cases currently pending nationwide. In addition, Mr. Zivitz has been actively involved in a number of federal securities cases in which outstanding results were achieved, including the following:

***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp., 02-CV-8462 (C.D.Cal.):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Tenet Healthcare and certain of its officers and directors defrauded Medicare out of hundreds of millions of dollars, materially overstated Tenet's revenues, and performed unnecessary cardiac surgeries to increase the Company's earnings. After three years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement involving a \$216.5 million payment from Tenet and the Company's former CEO and COO, and specific corporate governance improvements.

***In re Computer Associates, No. 02-CV-1226 (E.D.N.Y.):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Computer Associates and certain of its officers misrepresented the health of the company's business, materially overstated the company's revenues, and engaged in illegal insider selling. After nearly two years of litigation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement of \$150 million from the company.

***In re McLeod USA Inc., No. C02-0001-MWB (N.D. Iowa):***



Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that McLeod USA and certain of its officers misrepresented the health and prospects of the company's business. After more than three years of litigation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement of \$30 million from the defendants.

***In re Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 04-CV-1620-DMS (S.D. Cal.):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a recovery of \$8.0 million for class members against Ligand Pharmaceuticals and certain of its officers. Plaintiffs brought claims against the defendants on the grounds that they touted the financial condition of the company and their ability to predict and monitor inventory returns when, in fact, the Company's revenues and earnings were artificially inflated and defendants had no ability to meaningfully predict or gauge inventory returns.

***In re Aon Corp., No. 02-CV-5631 (N.D. Ill.):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a recovery of \$7.25 million for class members against Aon Corp. and certain of its officers. Plaintiffs brought claims against the defendants on the grounds that they touted the prospects and successes of the company's multi-million dollar "Business Transformation Plan," when in fact they knew that the plan was damaging the company's business.

**SEAN M. HANDLER**, a partner of the firm, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College, graduating *with distinction* in American Studies. Mr. Handler then earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Temple University School of Law.

After law school, Mr. Handler practiced labor law at Reed Smith, LLP in Philadelphia. Since joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Handler has concentrated his practice in the area of securities litigation, with a particular emphasis on client development, litigation strategy and lead plaintiff litigation. In this role, Mr. Handler has been responsible for numerous reported decisions.

In addition to these responsibilities, Mr. Handler also spends considerable time litigating ongoing securities litigation matters on behalf of institutional clients, including:

***In re Delphi Corporation Securities Litigation, No. 06-10026 (GER) (E.D. MI.)***

***Smajlaj v. Brocade Communications Systems, Inc., et al., No. 05-cv-02042 (CRB) (N.D. Cal.)***

***State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al., No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003).***

**JOHN A. KEHOE**, a partner of the firm, received his B.A. from DePaul University, and an M.P.A., *with high honors*, from the University of Vermont. He earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Syracuse University College of Law, where he was an Associate Editor of the Syracuse Law Review, Associate Member of the Moot Court Board, and Alternate Member of the National Appellate Team.

During his legal career, Mr. Kehoe has litigated high profile securities and antitrust actions in federal and state courts, including *Ohio Public Employees Retirement System et al. v. Freddie*

*Mac et al.*, 03-CV-4261 (S.D.N.Y.) (resulting in a \$410 million combined class and derivative settlement); *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Sec. Litig.*, 02-CV-2251 (S.D.N.Y.) (resulting in a \$300 million class settlement); *In re Adelphia Communications Corp. Sec. & Der. Litig.*, No. 03 MD 1529 (S.D.N.Y.) (resulting in a \$460 million class settlement); and *In re Vitamins Antitrust Litig.*, MDL No. 1285 (D.D.C.) (resulting in more than \$2 billion in federal and state class and direct action settlements).

Mr. Kehoe is currently among the lead trial attorneys representing individual and institutional investors in 309 separate class actions that have been consolidated for pretrial purposes in *In re Initial Public Offering Sec. Litig.*, No. 21 MC 92 (S.D.N.Y.) (resulting in over \$1 billion in class settlements with additional claims pending against various underwriter defendants). He is also serving as lead or co-lead counsel in *Reynolds v. Repsol YPF S.A.*, 06-CV-00733 (S.D.N.Y.); *Mizzaro v. Home Depot Inc.*, 06-CV-1151 (N.D. Ga.); and *In re AremisSoft Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J.).

Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Kehoe spent six years as an associate at Clifford Chance LLP, where he represented Fortune 500 corporations and their officers and directors in complex commercial litigation and in actions brought by the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

Mr. Kehoe is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York Bar Association and is admitted to practice before the courts of New York State (1999) and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (2000).

**LEE D. RUDY**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Fordham University in 1996. In law school he was a senior editor of the Fordham Urban Law Journal and published *A Procedural Approach to Limited Public Forum Cases*, 22 Ford. Urb. L.J. 1255 (1995). He received his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992. Mr. Rudy is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New York. From 1996 to 2002, Mr. Rudy was an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where he prosecuted dozens of felony jury trials to verdict. From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Rudy was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of New Jersey, where he investigated and prosecuted numerous fraud and violent crime cases, and where he tried several major fraud cases to verdict in federal court. Mr. Rudy co-manages the firm's mergers and acquisition and shareholder derivative litigation department along with Marc Topaz and Eric Zagar.

**KAY E. SICKLES**, a partner of the firm, received her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from Colgate University, graduating, *with honors*, from the History department. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Sickles was an associate with Sandals & Langer, LLP, where she litigated complex class actions arising out of violations of the ERISA and antitrust statutes. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the Ninth and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeal, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Ms. Sickles concentrates her practice in the area of securities litigation and specializes in settlement matters. She has played a lead role in effectuating some of the most significant settlements of securities class action in recent years, including the partial settlement with Tenet Healthcare Corp. and certain officer of that corporation for \$216.5 million in *In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. CV-02-8462-RSWL (Rzx) (C.D. Ca. 2006); the settlement for

cash and common stock worth over \$90 million in *In re Interpublic Sec. Litig.*, Civ. 6527 (DLC) (S.D.N.Y. 2004); and the settlements for securities worth over \$133.5 million in *In re Computer Associates Class Action Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 98 Civ. 4839 (TCP) and *In re Computer Associated 2002 Cass Action Securities Litigation*, Master File No., 02-CV-1226 (TCP) (E.D.N.Y.).

**ERIC L. ZAGAR**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, *cum laude*, where he was an Associate Editor of the Michigan Law Review. He has practiced law in Pennsylvania since 1995, and previously served as a law clerk to Justice Sandra Schultz Newman of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania.

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Mr. Ciolko is counsel in several pending nationwide ERISA breach of fiduciary duty class actions, brought on behalf of retirement plans and their participants alleging, inter alia, imprudent investment of plan assets which caused significant losses to the retirement savings of tens of thousands of workers. These cases include: *In re Beazer Homes USA, Inc. ERISA Litig.*, 07-CV-00952-RWS (N.D. Ga.); *Nowak v. Ford Motor Co.*, 240 F.R.D. 355 (E.D. Mich.); *Gee v. UnumProvident Corp.*, 03-1552 (E.D. Tenn.); *Pettit v. JDS Uniphase Corp. et al*, C.A. No. 03-4743 (N.D. Ca.); *Hargrave v. TXU, et al.*, C.A. No. 02-2573 (N.D. Tex.); *Evans v. Akers*, C.A. No. 04-11380 (D. Mass); *Lewis v. El Paso Corp.* (S.D. Tex.); and *In re Schering-Plough Corp. ERISA Litig.*, where the firm obtained an important ruling from the Third Circuit reversing the District Court's dismissal and confirming the rights of pension plan participants to pursue these claims. See 420 F.3d 231, amended by No. 04-CV-3073, 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 19826 (3d Cir., Sept. 15, 2005). Mr. Ciolko's efforts have helped achieve a number of large recoveries for affected retirement plan participants. See, e.g., *In re Sears, Roebuck & Co. ERISA Litig.*, C.A. No. 02-8324 (N.D. Ill.)(SBTK helped obtain a \$14.5 million recovery); *In re Honeywell Intern'l ERISA Litig.*, No. 03-CV-1214 (DRD) (D.N.J. 2004) (SBTK obtained a \$14 million recovery as well as significant structural relief regarding the plan's administration and investment of its assets).

Mr. Ciolko has also concentrated part of his practice to the investigation and prosecution of pharmaceutical antitrust actions, medical device litigation, and related anticompetitive and unfair business practices. Specific examples include: *In re Wellbutrin SR Antitrust Litigation*; *In re*



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**ALAN R. PLUTZIK** specializes in complex business litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States. Areas of particular emphasis include class actions, securities fraud and corporate governance litigation, consumer law, antitrust, constitutional and communications law. Mr. Plutzik is admitted to practice in California and the District of Columbia (inactive member), and is a member of the bars of the United States Supreme Court, the Second, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and District of Columbia Circuits and numerous federal district courts throughout the United States.

Mr. Plutzik received his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law in 1977. He received his undergraduate degree from St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1971, and also holds an M. A. from Stanford University. Over the course of his twenty-nine year career, Mr. Plutzik has also handled a wide variety of class actions and derivative cases. He has represented, among other clients, corporate shareholders and limited partners challenging conduct by their general partners, officers or directors; consumers and businesses harmed by price-fixing and other anticompetitive conduct; consumers in actions against insurance companies, banks and other lenders; investors in securities fraud cases and derivative suits; employees in ERISA and wage/hour cases; purchasers of mislabeled and defective products; victims of toxic pollution; persons harmed by defective products; and cellular telephone and cable television subscribers.

Mr. Plutzik has also handled a substantial number of cases that raise First Amendment and other constitutional issues, and has represented broadcasters, cable television companies, communications common carriers and consumers in litigation and in administrative proceedings

before the Federal Communications Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. Plutzik has written or lectured on topics that include class actions, California consumer law, substantive and procedural issues under the federal securities laws, First Amendment issues applicable to new media, cable television franchising and cable television companies' access to utility poles and real estate developments. He has appeared as a guest radio commentator on the Len Tillem Show on KGO-Radio in San Francisco, discussing class actions, consumer protection law and investor rights.

Mr. Plutzik has served as a judge pro tem on the Contra Costa County Superior Court. He is also President of the Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust, a community-based charity that honors outstanding teachers in Contra Costa County, California.

In addition to serving as Of Counsel to Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Plutzik is a partner in the law firm of Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP, of Walnut Creek, California.

**L. TIMOTHY FISHER** specializes in consumer and securities class actions and complex business litigation. He has been actively involved in several cases in which multi-million dollar recoveries were achieved for consumers and investors. Mr. Fisher has handled cases involving a wide range of issues including nutritional labeling, health care, telecommunications, corporate governance, unfair business practices and fraud. Mr. Fisher is a member of the California Bar.

Mr. Fisher received his Juris Doctorate from Boalt Hall at the University of California at Berkeley in 1997. While in law school, he was an active member of the Moot Court Board and participated in moot court competitions throughout the United States. In 1994, Mr. Fisher received an award for Best Oral Argument in the first year moot court competition.

In 1992, Mr. Fisher graduated with highest honors from the University of California at Berkeley and received a degree in political science. Prior to graduation, he authored an honors thesis for Professor Bruce Cain entitled "The Role of Minorities on the Los Angeles City Council." He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

In addition to serving as Of Counsel to Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Fisher is an associate in the law firm of Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP, of Walnut Creek, California.

**Donna Siegel Moffa**, Of Counsel to the firm, received her law degree, with honors from Georgetown University Law Center in May 1982. She received her undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Ms. Siegel Moffa is admitted to practice before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States Courts for the District of New Jersey and the District of Columbia, as well as the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Siegel Moffa was a member of the law firm of Trujillo, Rodriguez & Richards, LLC, where she litigated, and served as co-lead counsel, in complex class actions arising under federal and state consumer protection statutes, lending laws and laws governing contracts and employee compensation. Prior to entering private practice, Ms. Siegel Moffa worked at both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). At the FTC, as a member of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, she prosecuted cases involving allegations of deceptive and unsubstantiated advertising against R.J. Reynolds and General Nutrition Company. In addition, both at FERC and the FTC, Ms. Siegel Moffa was involved in a wide range of administrative and regulatory

issues including labeling and marketing claims, compliance, FOIA and disclosure obligations, employment matters and licensing. She has also participated in a number of rulemaking proceedings and contributed to the Final Report to the Federal Trade Commission on the Children's Advertising Rulemaking Proceeding.

Ms. Siegel Moffa continues to concentrate her practice in the area of consumer protection litigation and has substantial experience in class actions addressing consumer lending and contract issues. She served as co-lead counsel in successfully challenging practices in the rent-to-own industry in New Jersey in *Robinson v. Thorn Americas, Inc.*, L-03697-94 (Law Div. 1995), a case that resulted in a significant monetary recovery for consumers and changes to rent-to-own contracts in New Jersey. Ms. Siegel Moffa was also counsel in *Muhammad v. County Bank of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware*, 189 N.J. 1 (2006) US Supreme Court certiorari denied by *County Bank of Rehoboth Beach v. Muhammad*, 127 S. Ct. 2032, (U.S., Apr. 16, 2007, in which the New Jersey Supreme Court struck a class action ban in a consumer arbitration contract. She has served as class counsel representing consumers pressing TILA claims, e.g. *Cannon v. Cherry Hill Toyota, Inc.*, 184 F.R.D. 540 (D.N.J. 1999), and *Dal Ponte v. Am. Mortg. Express Corp.*, CV- 04-2152 (D.N.J. 2006), and has pursued a wide variety of claims that impact consumers and individuals including those involving predatory and sub-prime lending, mandatory arbitration clauses, price fixing, improper medical billing practices, the marketing of light cigarettes and employee compensation.

Ms. Siegel Moffa's practice has involved significant appellate work. In both state and federal appeals courts, she has represented individuals, classes, and non-profit organizations participating as amici curiae, such as the National Consumer Law Center and the AARP. In addition, Ms. Siegel Moffa has regularly addressed consumer protection and litigation issues in presentations to consumer groups, organizations, and professional associations. Ms. Siegel Moffa is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Camden County Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar Association, the National Association of Consumer Advocates and the Public Justice Foundation.

## CONSULTANTS

**KEVIN P. CAULEY** serves in the firm's business development and institutional relations department. Mr. Cauley is a graduate of Temple University. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Cauley was Director of Business Development for a multi-family office in New York City. Mr. Cauley also has prior experience in institutional fiduciary investment consulting, money manager selection, best trade executions, and asset allocation modeling. He has held the Series 7, 24, 63, and 65 licenses with the NASD. Mr. Cauley has also done political consulting in coordinating and directing various aspects of field operations for local, state, and national campaigns in Southeastern Pennsylvania. He is also an active member of The Pennsylvania Future Fund, A.O.H. Division 88 "Officer Danny Boyle Chapter," The Saint Andrews Society, The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick, The Clover Club of Philadelphia, The Foreign Policy Research Institute, a Board Member of The Princeton Committee on Foreign Relations, and is an elected member to The Pennsylvania Society and The Union League of Philadelphia, where he serves on the Armed Services Committee.

**PETER KRANEVELD**, an advisor to the firm, will work with Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler to analyze and work on issues such as corporate governance, shareholder rights and

activism and how these fit into the interests of the firm's large international client base of pension funds and other institutional investors. An economist by training, Mr. Kraneveld has a long history of working with pension funds and other institutional shareholders. He recently completed an eight year stint working with Dutch pension fund PGGM, a public pension fund for the healthcare sector in the Netherlands, and one of the largest pension funds in Europe. Mr. Kraneveld's last three years at PGGM were spent as a Special Advisor for International Affairs where his main responsibilities included setting up a network among national and international lobbying organizations, domestic and foreign pension funds and international civil servants and using it to promote the interests of the pension fund industry. Mr. Kraneveld served as Chief Economist for PGGM's Investments Directorate from 1999 until 2004 where his accomplishments included the Tactical Asset Allocation process and designing alternative scenarios for Asset Liability Management.

Prior to his work with PGGM, Mr. Kraneveld worked with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs.

**DAVID RABBINER** serves as Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler's Director of Investigative Services. As the firm's lead investigations necessary to further and strengthen the firm's class-action litigation efforts. Although his investigative services are primarily devoted to securities matters, Mr. Rabbiner routinely provides litigation support, conducts due diligence, and lends general investigative expertise and assistance to the firm's other class-action practice areas. Mr. Rabbiner plays an integral role on the firm's legal team, providing critical investigative services to obtain evidence and information to help ensure a successful litigation outcome. Before joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Rabbiner enjoyed a broad-based, successful career as an FBI Special Agent, including service as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge, overseeing multiple criminal programs, in one of the Bureau's largest field offices. He holds an A.B. in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

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Brodsky & Smith, LLC is a law firm that was organized under the Limited Liability Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in July of 1998. The firm's attorneys are licensed to practice in both state and federal courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey, the District of Columbia, the State of California, and the State of New York.

The firm represents individuals and businesses in various types of litigation matters including, securities class action and shareholder derivative litigation, anti-trust litigation, civil rights litigation, complex commercial litigation, consumer protection litigation, mass-tort litigation, ERISA litigation and personal injury litigation.

The firm's offices are located in Bala Cynwyd – Pennsylvania, Cherry Hill - New Jersey, Mineola - New York and Beverly Hills - California.

## **QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

### ***JASON L. BRODSKY:***

Jason Lawrence Brodsky is a founding member of Brodsky & Smith, LLC. He limits his practice to protecting the rights of Plaintiffs through litigation. His current areas of practice include Class Action Civil Rights Litigation, Class Action Securities/Derivative Shareholder Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Anti-trust Litigation, Catastrophic Injury Litigation; and Workers' Compensation Litigation.

He is an experienced trial attorney, who has successfully obtained consent decrees, verdicts, and settlements in various state and federal courts around the country on behalf of injured, wronged, or discriminated against individuals and businesses. Prior to forming the firm, he was an attorney at a 150-attorney insurance defense firm in Philadelphia where he represented Fortune 500 clients, insurance companies, and municipal entities, including the City of Philadelphia.

He received his Juris Doctor from Widener University School of Law (1996) where he was a member of the Trial Advocacy Honor Society. He also received his Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from Pennsylvania State University (1993).



He is licensed to practice in both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1996) and the State of New Jersey (1996). He is also licensed to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2008); United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1998) and United States District Court of New Jersey (1996). He has also been admitted *pro hac vice* in state and federal courts across the country in various matters.

**EVAN J. SMITH:**

Evan Jason Smith is a founding member of Brodsky & Smith, LLC. His current areas of practice include Anti-trust Litigation; Civil Rights Litigation, Class Action Securities and Shareholder Derivative Litigation; Commercial Litigation; ERISA Litigation; and Personal Injury Litigation.

He began his legal career as an attorney at a Philadelphia boutique litigation law firm where he worked on complex commercial litigation matters. Prior to forming Brodsky & Smith, LLC, he was an attorney at a Philadelphia insurance defense law firm in the Premises and Casualty Liability Litigation Department.

In 2005, 2006, and 2007, he was selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyers' Rising Star (Attorneys Under 40), an honor bestowed upon less than 2.5% of Pennsylvania attorneys. He was the lead attorney in *In re Ryland Securities Litigation* which settled for \$1.2 Million Dollars and *In re A Million Little Pieces Litigation* which settled for \$2.35 Million Dollars. In May 2002, he convinced the court, in *McCain v. Beverly Enterprises, Inc.* CV-02-657 (E.D.Pa.), to reverse the long standing and prevailing case law which precluded injured plaintiffs from bringing a claim for damages under a negligence *per se* theory against medical facilities for violations of state and federal statutes regarding standard of care towards patients. This reversal lowered the burden of proof in civil cases for injured plaintiffs when a governmental agency has found a defendant in violation of state and/or federal standard of care statutes. This case has been cited by many jurisdictions across the country in nursing home neglect litigation.

Upon graduating law school, he served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Albert W. Sheppard, Jr. of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District. He also served as a student law clerk for the Honorable William H. Yohn of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Honorable John T.J. Kelly, Jr. of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Superior Court.

He received his Juris Doctor from Temple University School of Law (1996) where he was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society and the Political and Civil Rights Law Review. He also served as a clinical intern at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. He received his Bachelor of Arts in International Politics and a minor degree in Spanish from Pennsylvania State University (1993).

He is licensed to practice in state courts for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1996), the State of New Jersey (1996), the District of Columbia (1999), the State of New York (2002), and the State of California (2006). He is also licensed to practice in federal courts for the United States Supreme Court (2003); United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1998), United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2007); United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2007); United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1998), United States District Court of New Jersey (1996), United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2002), United States Court for the Eastern District of New York (2003), United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (2003), United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2003); United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Central and Eastern Districts of California (2006). He has also been admitted *pro hac vice* in state and federal courts across the country in various matters.

**MARC L. ACKERMAN:**

Marc Louis Ackerman joined Brodsky & Smith, LLC as a partner in October 2002. His current areas of practice include Class Action Securities/Shareholder Derivative Litigation; Consumer Protection Litigation, Commercial Litigation; Civil Rights Litigation; Insurance Litigation; and Personal Injury Litigation.

He began his legal career as an associate in the litigation department of a 250-attorney Philadelphia law firm. After working for the Department of Justice as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, he joined a 300-attorney Philadelphia law firm where he concentrated his practice in insurance and commercial litigation matters. As a partner he represented Fortune 500 clients in insurance fraud, RICO, wrongful death and other complex insurance matters. Just prior to joining Brodsky & Smith, LLC, he was Pennsylvania resident counsel for a small boutique class action firm based in Connecticut.

He received his Juris Doctor from Temple University School of Law (1989) where he served as the Director of Temple - LEAP, an organization dedicated to introducing secondary school students to the profession and practice of law. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Villanova University (1986, cum laude).

He is licensed to practice in state courts for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1989) and the State of New Jersey (1990). He is also licensed to practice in federal courts for the United States Supreme Court (2003); United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1995); Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1990) and United States District Court of New Jersey (1990). He has also been admitted *pro hac vice* in state and federal courts across the country in various matters.

**LANCE G. GREENE:**

Lance G. Greene joined Brodsky & Smith, LLC as of counsel in March 2008 and has worked with the firm since 2007. His current practice areas include Commercial Litigation; Business Litigation; and Personal Injury Litigation.

Prior to opening his own litigation practice in Los Angeles, Lance was a senior associate in the business litigation department of a mid-sized full service law firm based in Irvine, California. Lance is a member of the California State Bar and the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

Lance is a successful trial counsel as partially reflected by his \$1.5 million unanimous jury verdict in federal court in the employment discrimination matter of *Martin v. Arrow Electronics*, which was the second largest federal trial verdict in Orange County in 2006.

Lance received his Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota School of Law (1992), and his Bachelor of Science from Arizona State University (1985, History). Lance is also a former United States Naval officer, having obtained his commission as Ensign in 1985, served on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, CVN 69 from 1985- 1989, where he attained the rank of Lieutenant and completed his inactive reserve service in 1993.

He is licensed to practice in the State of California (1993); United States District Court for the Central District of California (1993); and United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2002).

**SECURITIES CLASS ACTION, SHAREHOLDER  
DERIVATIVE AND ERISA LITIGATION**

Brodsky & Smith, LLC presently represents investors from all over the world in over three hundred (300) class action securities, ERISA and/or shareholder derivative cases pending in various state and federal courts in the United States. The firm served as lead counsel in *In re Ryland Group, Inc. Securities Litigation* pending in the Northern District of Texas (3:04-CV-541G) where they secured a \$1.2 Million Dollar Settlement for the Class.

The firm is also Lead or Co-lead counsel in various shareholder derivative litigation matters alleging, *inter alia*, breach of fiduciary duties and corporate mismanagement. In these actions, our firms' clients attempt to achieve corporate governance reforms on behalf of the companies. The following are cases in which Brodsky & Smith, LLC currently serves as sole lead or co-lead counsel in shareholder derivative litigation matters in state and federal court across the country: *In re NVE Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (Minnesota state Court); *In re DHB Industries, Inc.* (Supreme Court of New York, Nassau County, 06-1422); *In re Harley-Davidson, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (Wisconsin Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, 05-cv-006021); *In re Pfizer Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (U.S.D.C. SDNY 1:04-10075);

*In re Merck & Co. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (New Jersey Superior Court, Atlantic County (ATL-L-06939-05); *In re Express Scripts Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (Missouri Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, No.042-08632); *In re Avaya Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (D.N.J. 05-cv-2501).

The firm has been appointed as local counsel or assisting lead counsel in the following matters: *In re Vitesse Semiconductor Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (USDC C.D. Cal 2006); *In re Linear Technology Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (Superior Court of California 2006); *In re Corinthian Colleges Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (Superior Court of California - Orange County 2006) (Liaison Counsel); *In re Quest Software Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (Superior Court of California – 2006) (Liaison Counsel); *In re Dot Hills Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (Superior Court of California - San Diego County 2006) (Liaison Counsel); *In re Samina Corp Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (California 2006); *In re Taser International Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (D. Arizona 2005); *In re Marsh McClellennann Companies Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (S.D.N.Y. 2004); *In re Wireless Facilities, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (S.D. California 2004); *In re Regeneron Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (State Court New York, Westchester County) (Liaison Counsel); and *In re NBTY Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (New York State Court 2004) (Liaison Counsel).

The firm also served as lead or co-lead in the settled matters of *In re Impac Mortgage Holding Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (Orange County California state Court); *In re Visteon Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (Michigan Circuit Court, Wayne County 05-506341); *In re Kindred Shareholder Derivative Litigation* Kentucky State Court (Jefferson Circuit Court, Division 13 2002); *In re Sagent Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, 02-0709 (PJH) (N.D. California 2002); *In re Genta Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, (U.S.D.C. D. NJ 04-3169), and was on the Executive Committee of the *In re Williams Companies Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (Okla. District Court, Tulsa County). It also played an active role assisting lead counsel in settling *In re Charter Communications, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, No. 022-10625 (Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, 2002) and was local counsel in the state court proceeding of the settling matter of *In re Systemax Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (New York Supreme Court, New York, Index No. 05-8835) and *In re Viacom Shareholder Derivative Litigation* (Supreme Court New York, New York County Index No. 602526/05) (Liaison Counsel).

Brodsky & Smith, LLC represents numerous investors in the various class action complaints in the *In re IPO Securities Litigation* (2001) pending in the United States District Court of New York. These lawsuits allege violations of securities laws against three hundred and ten issuers and their underwriters involving fraud and conspiracy to artificially inflate the price of initial public offerings in the late 1990's. The firm has assisted lead counsel and its executive committee in several areas including factual investigation, legal research, preparing and revising the amended consolidated complaints, document reviewing and discovery matters. This litigation has settled with the Issuing Company Defendants for an aggregate amount of \$1 Billion Dollars, and continues to be prosecuted against all other Defendants including the investment bank

Defendants.

The firm also represents several investors in the *In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation* pending in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland (MDL 1586). This litigation alleges violations of federal securities laws, of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and of ERISA law against approximately 20 different mutual funds for permitting after-market trading over an extended period of time.

Brodsky & Smith, LLC has also assisted lead counsel by performing legal work in *In re Rite Aid Securities Litigation* U.S.D.C. (E.D. Pa.) (1999). This lawsuit settled with many Defendants for the investor class in an amount in excess of Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00). It has also assisted lead counsel by performing legal work in *In re IKON Securities Litigation*, U.S.D.C. E.D. Pa. (1998). This lawsuit was settled with certain Defendants for the investor class in an amount in excess of One Hundred and Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000.00). The firm also assisting lead counsel in the *In re Tyco Securities Litigation* matter that recently settled for over \$3 Billion.

The firm also represents shareholders who file ERISA class action matters against companies for violating their fiduciary duties in administering retirement plans for publicly traded companies. The firm was co-lead counsel in *SPX Corporation ERISA Litigation*, (U.S.D.C. W.D. N.C. 04-cv-192). This matter settled for \$3.2 Million for the class. The firm was also co-lead counsel in the settling matter of *Hanover Compressor Company ERISA Litigation* (U.S.D.C. S.D. Texas H-02-0410) which achieved \$1,775,000.00 for the class. Brodsky & Smith is currently local counsel in the *In re Loral Space Communications, Ltd. ERISA* litigation pending in the Southern District of New York (03-CV-9729). The firm is also counsel in the *Honeywell ERISA Litigation*; *Janus Fund ERISA Litigation*; *Goodyear ERISA Litigation*, *Polaroid ERISA Litigation*, *AIG ERISA Litigation* and *Citigroup ERISA Litigation* matters.

The firm also represents the governmental municipality of Delaware County, Pennsylvania in a municipal bond class action against First Union. This action seeks the return of unclaimed monies from bond issuances over the past thirty (30) years. This case is pending in the Court of Common Please Delaware County No. 01-6882 and has recently been certified as a class action.

## ANTI-TRUST LITIGATION

Brodsky & Smith, LLC represents consumers in various anti-trust matters. The firm is counsel in the following matters: *In re Publication Paper Anti-Trust Litigation* pending in federal court in Connecticut (2004); *In re Elevator Anti-Trust Litigation* (2004) pending in the Southern District of New York; *In re Foundry Resin Anti-Trust Litigation* (2004) currently pending in Ohio; and *In re EPDM Anti-Trust litigation* (2004) currently pending in various states including New Jersey, Florida, Tennessee, Nebraska, New Mexico and North Carolina. Each one of these lawsuits alleges that the Defendants conspired with each other in manipulating prices in order to restrain competition in the



market for goods and/or services. This alleged conduct precludes other companies from entering the free trade market and/or inflates prices that would ordinarily have been paid for the goods and/or services and is therefore in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.

The firm is also counsel in anti-trust lawsuits alleging price fixing schemes and/or for filing frivolous applications (and/or extensions) of patents in order to prevent generic drugs from entering the market. These drugs include Alphagryn, Augmentin, Immodium, Neurotin, Remeron and Wellbutrin.

## **COMMERCIAL LITIGATION/CONSUMER CLASS ACTION**

Brodsky & Smith, LLC was Lead Counsel in the *A Million Little Pieces* Litigation in the Southern District of New York which alleged consumer fraud against Random House Publishing Company and James Fry, the author of the New York Times Best Seller *A Million Little Pieces*. The firm was successful in reaching a class settlement of \$2.35 Million Dollars. Brodsky & Smith, LLC is currently litigating other putative class matters alleging consumer fraud against other publicly traded companies such as Toyota and Buy.com.

Brodsky & Smith, LLC also has represented individuals and businesses in complex commercial litigation with much success. The firm has assisted their clients in litigation matters such as breach of contract, fraud, misrepresentation, tortious interference with contractual relations, insurance disputes, real estate and collection matters.

## **CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION**

Brodsky & Smith, LLC represents disabled individuals and advocacy groups in various litigation matters across the country. This representation includes enforcement of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 12181. Through this representation, our clients attempt to make public accommodations accessible to all disabled individuals. Brodsky & Smith, LLC has achieved both Consent Decrees and settlements on behalf of our clients against hundreds of public accommodations around the country. The firm currently is counsel in various putative class action lawsuits attempting to force major corporations across the country to abide by the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or related state statutes.

## **PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION**

Brodsky & Smith, LLC has represented, and continues to represent, many individuals in serious personal injury matters. The firm has successfully litigated trial verdicts and has achieved millions of dollars for their clients in cases involving nursing home neglect, vehicular accidents, wrongful death, workman's compensation and premises (slip and fall) accidents.

The firm is proud to have changed the law in Pennsylvania regarding the liability of medical and nursing home facilities when they are found to have violated either the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) or the Older Adult Protective Services Act (OAPSA). Specifically, in *McCain v. Beverly Enterprises, Inc.* CV-02-657, Judge Ludwig reversed the prevailing case law in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and other jurisdictions, and held that while a private right of action did not exist for plaintiffs against medical facilities for violations of these statutes, plaintiffs were still entitled to bring a claim for damages under a negligence *per se* theory. This holding in essence lowered the burden of proof for injured plaintiffs when the defendants have been held in violation of these statutes by a state or federal agency.